

ROAD NAMING AND ADDRESSING ORDINANCE FOR AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.0 Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 46-5-122 of The Official Code of Georgia Annotated , as amended, to promote the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Augusta, Georgia.

1.1 Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the Road Naming and Addressing Ordinance for Augusta, Georgia.

1.2 Jurisdiction

The provisions set forth herein shall apply to those roads, both public and private (including manufactured home parks, condominium developments, apartment complexes or office parks), which are or will be located within Augusta, Georgia, or within certain municipalities in Augusta, Georgia upon the request of the appropriate elected officials of said municipalities.

1.3 Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide a system of unique road names and addresses which is essential to the successful implementation of the E-911 Emergency Services System, and is therefore, essential to the efficient and effective provision of such services as police, fire, and emergency medical services.

1.4 Assignment of Responsibility for Naming Roads and Addressing of Said Roads

The Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission, is hereby assigned overall authority and responsibility for the naming of public and private roads as directed by the provisions of this Ordinance.

1.5 Approval of Road Names

All proposed road names shall be reviewed and approved by the Augusta-Richmond

County Planning Commission and authorized by action of the Augusta Commission before the road names become official and before road signs are erected. The appropriate tax map(s) shall be amended by the Tax Assessor's office to reflect new road names approved by action of the Augusta Commission.

1.6 Establishment of a Uniform Numbering System

The Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission shall develop and maintain a uniform scaled system of numbering roads. This addressing system shall be used in designating addresses for new and existing structures and to resolve address problems which tend to confuse the traveling public or tend to delay the response of emergency services, mail delivery and other service providers.

1.7 Issuance of Street and/or Mailing Addresses

Street and/or mailing addresses shall be issued by the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission for all principal dwellings and buildings located on all officially mapped public and private roads within Augusta, Georgia and within certain municipalities in Augusta, Georgia upon the request of the appropriate elected officials of the municipalities.

Addresses will be provided only on those roads which have been assigned a name in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this Ordinance.

Each new dwelling or principal structure will be assigned an address at the time that a building permit, mobile home permit, or other similar permit is issued by the appropriate issuing authority.

No building permit shall be issued for any principal dwellings or buildings until the owner has obtained the official address from the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission.

The certificate of occupancy for any structure erected, repaired or modified after the effective date of this Ordinance shall be withheld by the License and Inspections Department until the address is posted on the structure as outlined in this Ordinance.

1.8 Responsibility for Placement of Numbers

The owner, occupant, or agent of each house, building or other structure assigned an address under the uniform numbering system shall place or cause to be placed the number on the house, building, or other structure within 30 days after receiving notification from the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission of the proper number assignment.

Further, the owner, occupant or agent of any existing house, building or other structure existing as of the date of the adoption of this Ordinance, shall place or cause to be placed the number on the house, building or other structure within 30 days after the adoption of this Ordinance.

Cost and installation of the number must be paid for by the property owner or occupant. Residential numbers must not be less than three inches in height. Business numbers must not be less than four inches in height. All numbers must be made of a durable, clearly visible material and must contrast with the color of the house, building, or other structure. Reflective numbers for nighttime identification are strongly recommended.

The number must be conspicuously placed immediately above, on or at the side of the appropriate door so that the number is visible clearly from the road. In cases where the building is situated more than fifty feet from the road, the number must be placed upon the mailbox or near the driveway so as to be easily read from the road.

ARTICLE 2 - ERECTION OF ROAD NAME SIGNS

2.0 Location and Installation

Sign location and installation shall be in accordance with the specifications for road name signs as set for in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta, Georgia.

ARTICLE 3 - ADMINISTRATION

3.0 New Roads

The naming of new roads, such as in new subdivisions, shall be reviewed and approved by the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission according to the present procedures of the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission and authorized by action of the Augusta Commission before the road names become official.

The names of new roads must not duplicate or be similar to an existing road name within Augusta, Georgia's geographical area.

Existing duplicate road names may be changed as necessary by Augusta, Georgia to ensure efficiency of the emergency response system.

3.1 Existing Roads

All public roads (those maintained by Augusta, Georgia and those maintained by the

Georgia Department of Transportation) shall be named. All private roads requiring Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission approval (both subdivision and site plan roadways depicting multiple buildings) shall be named.

In the event of a conflict in either road naming or addressing, the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission staff will use its best judgment to resolve the conflict.

ARTICLE 4 - LIABILITY

4.0 Liability

Augusta, Georgia, its officers, agents or employees, together with any person following their instructions in rendering services, are not liable for civil damages as a result of an act or omission under this Ordinance, including but not limited to, developing, adopting, operating, or implementing an addressing system or plan.

ARTICLE 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

5.0 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect on the first day following final reading and adoption.

ARTICLE 6 - PROVISIONS SEVERABLE

6.0 Provisions Severable

All provisions in other Ordinances for Augusta, Georgia in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

If any provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

This Ordinance shall become effective on final reading and adoption.